

Another Cory's Shearwater Specimen from Florida

On 15 July 1974 Johnnie Johnson and Bob Barber collected a Cory's Shearwater 20 miles offshore of Brevard County, Florida. The female (ovary 10 x 2 mm) weighed 417.0 g; there was little visible fat. The wings and body were in molt. I sent the skin to the National Museum for racial determination. George B. Watson identified the shearwater as the Mediterrean race *Calonectris* (= *Puffinus*) *diomedea diomedea*. In his letter to me (dated 4 November 1975), Watson stated that the specimen is undoubtedly a prebreeding bird since it is well into molt in early summer. To my knowledge, the only other records of this race for Florida are 3 specimens collected by the late Al Pflueger on 7 October 1961, 4 miles east of Tavernier (Stevenson and Baker, *Florida Naturalist*, 43: 69-70, 1970). Prior to these records the race was only known as a casual visitor in the Long Island, New York, area (A.O.U., *Check-List of North American Birds*, 5th Edition, 1957). The specimen is number FTU 1941 in the bird collection at Florida Technological University.

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Summer Records of the Marsh Hawk in Florida

On 12 July 1974 we observed a Marsh Hawk (*Circus cyaneus*) in Okeechobee County along U.S. 441, 1.6 km north of the junction with State Route 68 to the east. The bird was flying on a direct easterly course with steady, fairly rapid wing beats at a height of 90-120 m. The habitat in the area consisted of extensive open improved pasture with scattered hammocks and marshes. The bird was in brown plumage and appeared to be an adult female rather than a juvenile, although it was not possible to determine its age with certainty because of the distance (0.4 - 1.6 km) at which it was observed and poor light conditions (overcast, light rain). Peter Cone has informed us of a sighting of a brown-plumaged Marsh Hawk at Archbold Biological Station, 12 km south of Lake Placid, Highlands County, on 4 July 1969. He watched the bird at close range as it flew over railroad tracks bordered by densely vegetated ditches in an area of scrubby flatwoods.

With the exception of the above records, the extreme dates of occurrence of Marsh Hawks recorded by one of us (J.N.L.) over a